

Topping Beats White on the Golf Links

Deadly Accuracy in Laying Approaches and Skill in Long Putting Win.

GREENWICH PLAYER DEFIES SAND TRAPS

A Stiff Wind Sweeps Across the Course and Mars Sport—White Conquers Ward.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

Henry J. Topping, of the Greenwich Country Club, defeated Gardner White, of the Flushing Country Club, yesterday in the final round of the Garden City Golf Club's invitation tournament by a margin of 4 up and 3 to play. It was Topping's second triumph of the kind within a week, for last Saturday he vanquished John G. Anderson in the battle for the chief cup at Ardley.

It was no fluke yesterday that gave the Greenwich golfer the victory. His game would have been hard to beat under almost any circumstances, and White was not in the mood to do the trick.

Reaching the turn in 38, one over par, Topping stood 4 up and began the homeward journey by robbing the tenth and eleventh holes in 3, 4, one stroke under par. A missed putt on the next and trouble with a trap on the thirteenth gave the Flushing man his last chance, and the best he could do on the next two was to get an even break, which left Topping a winner on the fifteenth green. Had the bye holes been played out it is probable that the winner would have had a card of 76 or 77.

Uncanny Skill.

A deadly accuracy in laying up his approaches and an almost uncanny skill in sinking long putts brought victory to Topping in both the semi-final and final round matches. Against Frank M. Dyer, Pennsylvania State champion, in the morning the Greenwich star holed out when twenty-five feet from the cup, with his putter, ran down two or three more inches or twenty feet in distance and on the fifth hole, when sixty feet from the pin, took his jigger and sent the ball straight and true into the hole.

But it was not only on the fairways and the greens that Topping was dangerous. Several times during the day he found himself in serious trouble at the bottom of deep sand traps. Daunted not a whit, Topping played on, and the gallery watched him dig out and laid the ball within inches of the pin. When Topping first began to pull off these spectacular shots the gallery was inclined to gape. "Look! but after three or four of these had come from his club those who saw and wondered were ready to acknowledge that, mixed with the luck, was about 50 per cent Henry J. Topping.

By no means an ideal day for golf at Garden City yesterday. A stiff wind swept across the flat country, sometimes in the face of the players and at other times at right angles across the course. But Topping, getting tremendous distance with wood and iron, hewed straight to the line in almost every case. He has a fine, free style in "going at" the ball from the tee, and this, combined with great timing, brought due appreciation from the onlookers.

When play began in the morning, with Topping pitted against Dyer and White opposed by veteran John M. Ward, the gallery was attracted to which match promised the best results. Topping's work all through the tournament, however, and the fact that in Dyer he was meeting a worthy opponent attracted a majority of the lovers of the game, and more than a hundred trooped after the Greenwich golfer and the Pennsylvania champion.

Hard Pressed.

White had to go at his best to take the measure of Henry J. Topping. The veteran's putting was superior to the Flushing player's, and just about made up for the greater distance White was getting from the tees. In each case the galleries were well wadded, and the matches were not finished until the home was underfoot.

At the very first hole, in the final round, Topping showed he was going to give White plenty of trouble. His drive landed his ball in the rough to the right, whereas White was straight down the middle. His second shot found the Greenwich player at short of the green and sixty feet from the cup, with Gardner on with the like.

Topping knew there was only one chance to win the hole, then, and asked his caddy for the jigger. There was no hesitancy in the manner in which he played his shot, and he laid the ball up boldly. For a moment it seemed that the rubber cover would go golding success. The second one's eye is taken from the ball his head is shifted and all rhythm is broken. The second one's eye is taken from the ball his head is shifted and all rhythm is broken. The second one's eye is taken from the ball his head is shifted and all rhythm is broken.

White must have been a trifle shocked at the sudden turn of affairs, for he proceeded to take three putts, and Topping, who had been looking on, took heart from his reach. On the short second, over the gully, Topping laid his masher shot eight feet from the pin, and White, playing too strongly, landed in the rough to the right of the green. His second was short, and he failed to run down his third, so picked up, with Topping having a fine chance for a 2.

The next two holes were halved in par figures, but at the fifth Topping holed a long, curling putt for a 3, one below par, and became 3 up. On the sixth the Greenwich man got into trouble all the way, and White won in 5 to 6, leaving him 2 down.

The seventh hole, 531 yards, is the longest on the course, and those who were hoping White would win took heart when Gardner laced a terrific drive down the center, almost to the peak of fully sixty yards. Topping, however, took a good sixty yard shot of this, and White still held the upper hand after the second was played. At this point, however, the Flushing champion began to make mistakes, and ended with Topping taking the hole in a 5 to 3, to his opponent's 6.

Reels Off Holes.

White became 4 down at the eighth, when Topping, still reeling off holes in par figures, halved the ninth in a par 4. After White had a glowing opportunity to get back a hole by sinking a medium length putt, Topping had gone out in 38, splendid golf under the adverse conditions, and White's card read 42, good enough in ordinary company.

Gardner had a little trouble with his new "trick" putter, alternating fine putts with disastrous misses from short distances. But the club has taken his fancy, and he gamely stuck to it, even though his opponent was bringing out sensational shots with his regulation model.

Going to the 380-yard tenth, Topping was well on the green with a drive and an iron shot. White made no mistakes

GOLF STARS SEEN AT GARDEN CITY



White and Topping in mid-swing.

ENTRY DATE SET FOR WESTERN GOLF

Chicago, May 20.—Entries for the Western amateur golf championship will close on July 5, it was announced to-night by E. Hoover Bankard, secretary of the Western Golf Association, who issued the formal programme of the tournament to be held on the links of the Del Monte, Cal. Golf and Country Club July 17-22.

Play for the championship will start on Monday, July 17, with an elimination round of eighteen holes, medal play. The sixty-four who made the lowest score will play eighteen more holes on Tuesday morning, the thirty-two best scores for the thirty-six holes to qualify for the first round of match play at eighteen holes Tuesday afternoon. The second thirty-two will qualify for the president's cup.

WILLIAMS GOLFER WIN FROM YALE

New Haven, May 20.—Williams defeated Yale here this afternoon by a score of 4 matches to 2. The Williams players showed their superiority throughout.

Marshall Williams, defeated Gardner Yale, 3 to 1; Fred Williams, defeated John M. Ward, 4 to 2; Fred Williams, defeated John M. Ward, 4 to 2; Fred Williams, defeated John M. Ward, 4 to 2.

CRAIG HAS LOW CARD ON PLAINFIELD LINKS

Plainfield, N. J., May 20.—The point winners for the spring cup at the Plainfield Country Club today were: H. H. Craig, 82-12-70; C. E. Lipscomb, 97-21-75; D. H. Rowland, 97-21-76; and R. E. Evans, 100-24-76. In the match play played at 71 par, H. H. Craig and C. E. Lipscomb were both 2 down.

Other scores were as follows: J. I. Fleming, 99-27-72; L. H. Van Buren, 105-26-79; D. H. Rowland, 97-21-75; A. J. Watson, 86-79-79; H. G. Phillips, 100-22-78; D. W. Taylor, 100-20-76; L. H. Miller, 113-26-87. Paul B. Wells won the sweepstakes with a score of 73.

Concerning Batting.

"Who is the most graceful hitter in baseball?" asks a reader. Personally, or impersonally, as the case may be, we prefer to watch Frank Schulte, Heinie Zimmerman or Nap Lajoie, with Tris Speaker only a stride behind.

Schulte and Zimmerman are free, natural hitters, without any restraining kink in their swings. Schulte comes nearer to having a golf stroke in his sweep than any other player in the upper leagues.

Other Graces.

As for fielding grace, we know of no one who can beat Hal Chase or Lajoie. And as for the pitching part of it, Walter Johnson has the easiest, most natural motion of them all. For all around grace in the field and at the bat Lajoie leads the infielders and Speaker the outfielders.

In Other Lines.

Considering all strokes, Chick Evans is the most graceful, rhythmic golfer we have seen, while in lawn tennis the late Anthony Wilding had an appeal for us beyond all the others.

In the way of consummate grace or ease upon the football field we can recall no one beyond Ned Mahan.

Name of Ouimet Missing from U. S. Golf Ass'n List

Sullivan, Lockwood and Tewksbury Also Passed Up—337 Eligible Players.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

The executive committee of the United States Golf Association, through Howard F. Whitney, the secretary, in making public last night the list of players eligible to compete in the national amateur championship, at the Marlton Cricket Club, in September, has left off the names of Francis Ouimet, John H. Sullivan, Jr., Arthur G. Lockwood and Paul Tewksbury, the Massachusetts golfers who were declared barred from further competition in the amateur ranks some months ago.

This will occasion no surprise among those who have been in touch with affairs in the golfing world and have realized the determination of the U. S. G. A. to adhere to its original resolution regarding these players. Ouimet, open champion in 1913, will be the most prominent absentee, of course, and the regret at his non-appearance

will be almost universal among the ranks of those who admire a great golfer and a fine sportsman.

Many funerals of drastic action to be taken by the Woodland Club, of which Ouimet is a member, in behalf of the deposed amateur, have been abroad, and it is possible that something bordering on the sensational may yet develop along these lines, but the prevailing opinion is that he and his fellow unfortunates will not tee up at Merion in September.

The list, as given out, contains the names of 337 golfers, but there are several men ranked at 6 strokes handicap on the metropolitan list who also are eligible to compete for the national title.

The programme for the eighteenth annual Western amateur championship, to be played over the links of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club, of Del Monte, Cal., on July 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, was issued last night.

On Monday, the opening day, beginning at 7:30 a. m., there will be an elimination round at eighteen holes in the qualifying rounds. All of which smacks of true Western hospitality and generosity.

TRIS TOPS ALL FITZPATRICK IN AMERICAN LEAGUE HITTING FRONT OF ALL RIVAL HITTERS

Figures Favor Pair of Pitching Prodigies for the Moment.

Boland and Dubuc lead as far as the actual figures go, but Tris Speaker is the real batting leader of the American League. His mark is .379. Burns is not far behind with .368. Leslie Numamaker continues the only Yankee in the 300 ranks. His average is .338. Frank Baker may soon break in, as he is now hitting for 384. Gedeon is not far removed with a mark of .274.

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Fitzpatrick leads the National League, but he has played in only a few games. His mark is .438. Good old Jake Daubert is showing even more than his customary skill in batting. His average is .375. Heinie Zimmerman is galloping along close behind with .372.

Davey Robertson has been doing yeoman service with timely home runs, but his average is not as pretentious as it was a week ago. His mark now stands at .317. Another giant swatter is Bill Raden, who is hitting for .345. The most improved hitter on the team is Bill McKee, who had a mark of next to nothing at all for many days and has now gained the tidy total of .299.

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